

Q: (vv.24-26) Describe the character qualities of Apollos. But what was he missing? (see Rom 6:3-11, 8:1-17; John 3:5-6; 14:26)

Q: (v.27) How did Aquila and Priscilla help Apollos come to know Jesus fully? Why was it significant that they did this privately?

Q: How does this illustrate the importance of the entire body of Christ looking out for one another, using God's Word to train up, correct and guide others?

Q: Apollos would become a powerful minister of the gospel (like Paul), in part no doubt, because of the intentional yet gracious care and instruction of Aquila and Priscilla. Think of the person(s) who mentored you and helped you grow. Pray for those around you and seek God's guidance in being intentional to equip others in the faith.

Q: What can we learn from this couple about Christian fellowship, hospitality, working together as a married team for Christ, and equipping others for Christ?

PRAY: Lord thank you for encouraging us when we get discouraged. Thank you for the body of believers (the church) that equips and encourages one another. Help me to be intentional about equipping others for your ministry for your glory, in Jesus' name, amen!



Harvest Growing Deeper

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Acts 18

Paul leaves Athens after confronting the city intellectuals & philosophers with the simple gospel of Jesus Christ (Rom 1:16). Some mocked him, others wanted to hear more, and some believed in Christ. Paul arrives in Corinth, a wealthy and influential city (1 Cor 2:1-4). Immorality is widespread. The need for the gospel is great! Paul would later write Romans 1:18-32 from Corinth.

Q: What helps you cope when facing difficult times?

Q: (vv.1-3) Who were Paul's new friends in Corinth, why were they there, and what did they have in common?

Q: (vv.4-6) Paul again reasons with Jews in the synagogue. What is the response?

Q: When Christ is clearly shared with others and they reject Him, who then bears the blame for their eternal destiny? How is this illustrated by Paul in v.6? (see Neh 5:13)

Q: (v.5) (see also 1 Thes 3:6-10; 2 Cor 11:9). How would the arrival of Silas and Timothy encourage Paul?

Q: (vv.7-8) What other significant person came to trust in Jesus? Considering the opposition just mentioned, what did his new found faith demonstrate?

Q: (vv.9-11) But Paul knew very well that along with success in spreading the gospel, comes persecution from those opposed to the gospel. Paul may very well have been exhausted, afraid, discouraged, maybe wanted to leave. (see 1 Cor 2:1-3) How did God show up and encourage him?

Q: When you have felt discouraged and alone, in what ways have you experienced God's encouragement through His Word, other believers, or other ways?

Q: (vv.12-16) Who was Gallio? Why was Paul brought before him? How did he rule in Paul's favor (and essentially help pave the spread of the gospel in Corinth)?

Q: (v.17) Who did the crowd ironically attack instead of Paul?

Q: (vv.18-19) Where did Paul go next and who went with him?

Q: (v.20) The Ephesian Jews wanted Paul to stay, but he wasn't able to, but promised to return "if God wills." Why should we also live each day as a gift from God? How might that make us more grateful?

Q: (v.22) Paul departs, travels back to Antioch (where his journey began) and then departs to strengthen all the disciples. How have others encouraged you and how can you help equip and encourage other believers?
